

Indonesian Agency Knows 40 Mosques Spreading Up Radicalism



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There have been "commonly known" reports saying that some mosques in Jakarta are allegedly convicts of spreading up radicalism.

According to the Chief of the National Anti-Terrorism Agency or BNPT, Suhardi Alius, his agency has got such research findings since 2012.

He said Thursday (on 7 June) during a hearing with the House of Representatives or DPR in Jakarta that BNPT had, therefore, demanded that the Ministry of Religious Affairs pay a close attention to the very mosques.

It was reported earlier that not only had vice Governor of Jakarta, Sandiaga Salahuddin Uno, admitted such a condition, but he had also verified it.

Mentioning that he has got a list of the very mosques, he said Tuesday (on 5 June) that the list could also be obtained from the Jakarta Document Bureau and that of Jakarta Bazis [the Body of Amil Zakat, Infaq, and Shadaqah].

According to him, one of the reasons to the quick growth of those willing to embrace radicalism is due to their feeling the deep sense of injustice around them. Such a feeling has been strongly planted within their mind, becoming their beliefs and a kind of ideology.

Based on such an assumption, Sandiaga Uno decided to visit to each of the mosques. He concluded that such a radical understanding could only be removed by, among others, creating economic prosperity in the mosques, providing them with a certain level of education and job opportunities.

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